during the 8th Five Year Plan. Besides, NAA have ordered 42 Very High Frequency Omni Range (VOR), 43 Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) and 19 Instrument Landing System (ILS).

Development of Hotel Industry

4899. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Pacific Hotel Corporation, the largest Hotel chain in the South Pacific region are planning to build more hotels in India; and

(b) which are the State Capitals that have been identified for developing hotel industry for the purpose of attracting tourists in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATNON AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Government has approved foriegn collaboration with Southern Pacific Hotel Corporation Limited, Australia for three hotel projects at Lucknow, Goa and New Delhi.

(b) Construction of hotel is mainly a private sector activity. Entrepreneurs are free to build hotel at locations of their choice subject to regulations.

Investment in Hotel Business by NRIs

4900. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that despite various incentives offered to foreign investors there has been little response from NRIs for investment in hotel business in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the investment proposals from NRIs and other foreign investors received for construction of hotels in the country since economic liberalisation moves were launched; and

(c) whether Government have since looked into the problem of lack of response from NRIs, and if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Government has approved three NRI proposals for investment of Rs. 47 crores in the hotel sector since the new Economic Policy was launched.

In all 63 proposals for Foreign Investment worth Rs. 721.56 crores have been approved during this period.

Promotion of civil aviation in North East

4901. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up an ambitious plan for promoting civil aviation in the Eastern and North-Eastern regions of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the share of Bihar in the said plan, with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Government has approved a proposal for introduction of helicopter services to be operated by Pawan Hans Ltd. on subsidised basis in the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. Modalities for funding of subsidy have not been finalised.

A statement indicating details of works proposed to be undertaken by National Airports Authority (NAA) at the airports in the Eastern and North-Eastern regions including the state of Bihar is appended.